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Attachments: CEC Powerline Biological Evaluation for Categorical Exclusion: Botany, CEC Powerline Prefield Review, CEC Powerline Weed Risk Assessment

Summary of Findings

Under the proposed action:

There are no Threatened or Endangered botanical species on the Deschutes National Forest, therefore the project would have no effect.

The proposed action may impact Sensitive botanical species individuals and/or habitat but is not likely to contribute to a trend towards federal listing or loss of viability to populations. *Project design criteria and mitigations are required.*

The proposed action would have no impact on Survey and Manage botanical species and is exempt from surveys.

There is a **HIGH risk of introducing/spreading invasive plants** within this project area. *Project design criteria and mitigation measures are required.*

Project location

See Decision Memo.

Project description

See Decision Memo.

Regulatory Framework / Management Direction

Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive (TES) Plant Species

This report is prepared in compliance with the Forest Service Manual (FSM) 2672.4, the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Subpart B; 402.12, section 7 consultation) and the Northwest Forest Plan. Effects of this activity are evaluated for those TES plant species on the most current (2019) Regional Forester's Sensitive Species List. There are no Endangered or Threatened Plant species on the Deschutes National Forest.

There are multiple sites of Peck's penstemon within the project area, and guidance is provided by the 2009 Species Conservation Strategy for Peck's Penstemon. Managed and protected sites are identified within the strategy. Project activities within protected sites should have 0 mortality for sites of less than 2000 plants, and less than 0.2% for sites with more than 2000 individuals. Within managed sites, mortality should be minimized as possible, but up to 10% for populations of less than 500 individuals and 20% for populations with more than 500 individuals may be acceptable.

Survey and Manage

Northwest Forest Plan (1994)

The Northwest Forest Plan is a series of federal policies and guidelines governing land use on federal lands in the Pacific Northwest region of the United States. The Plan was developed with the intent of protecting habitat for the northern spotted owl but came to include much broader habitat protection goals. It creates a network of Riparian Reserves and Late Successional Reserves to conserve and protect habitat and amends the Deschutes National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (USDA 1990).

Requirements for surveys and management of vascular plants, bryophytes, lichens and fungi do not apply to this project (see below).

Invasive Plant Species

Forest Service Manual (FSM) direction requires that an Invasive Plant (formerly called noxious weed) Risk Assessment be prepared for all projects involving ground-disturbing activities. For projects that have a moderate to high risk of introducing or spreading invasive plants, Forest Service policy requires that decision documents must identify invasive plant control measures that would be undertaken during project implementation (FSM 2081.03, 29 November 1995). Invasive plants are identified from the Region 6 Invasive Plant List (Appendix A).

In 2006, the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forest developed Invasive Plant Prevention Practices using the Guide to Noxious Weed Prevention Practices (July 12, 2001). These practices were preceded by Forest Plan direction that was established with the Pacific Northwest Region Preventing and Managing Invasive Plants Record of Decision (October 2005). When the R-6 Invasive Plant Species FEIS ROD came out in October 2005, it amended R-6 Forest Plans and contained 23 Standards related to prevention and treatment of invasive plants. Additional direction for the management of invasive plants is contained in Forest Service Manual, Section 2080. Prevention practices were also included in the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland Invasive Plant Treatments Environmental Impact Statement (USFS 2012). The invasive plant prevention practices are provided for use on the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests and Crooked River National Grassland to minimize the introduction of invasive plants; minimize conditions that favor the establishment or spread of invasive plants; and to facilitate the integration of invasive plant management practices into resource programs.

Pre-field Review

A pre-field review (available in project record) was conducted using GIS to find known weed, Survey and Manage (S&M), sensitive, and threatened and endangered species sites and to determine possible habitat needing surveys.

TES botanical species

See attached CEC Powerline Biological Evaluation for Categorical Exclusion: Botany for additional detail. There are no known Threatened or Endangered plant species on the Deschutes National Forest. There are two known sensitive plant species within or adjacent to the project area--Peck's penstemon also called Peck's beardtongue (*Penstemon peckii*) and tall agoseris (*Agoseris elata*) sites. Surveys were conducted in high likelihood areas to determine the current extent of Peck's penstemon sites, however,

due to phenology and timing, the agoseris site could not be remapped, so historical locations are being used.

There are three protected Peck's penstemon sites that overlap with or are immediately adjacent to the ROW. One near Allingham Guard Station (06010500007), one near Riverside Campground (006010500054), and one near Indian Ford (06010500098). The line also passes through managed sites. Four small trees are slated for removal along the edge of site 06010500054, and one small tree from adjacent to 06010500098. Based on the sizes of the populations, tree size, location of the site relative the ROW and site, and locations of penstemons, it is predicted that mortality from the removal of the trees and replacement of poles would be within the 0.2% limit set in the 2009 Peck's Penstemon Management Strategy provided that PDCs are followed. Within the managed sites which overlap with the ROW, mortality is also predicted to be low due to the nature of the disturbances, the ability of both Peck's penstemon and tall agoseris to withstand disturbance, and the small size of the area to be disturbed. Sites would need to be monitored following treatments, however, and future management adjusted if needed.

Both Peck's penstemon and tall agoseris are species that benefit from disturbance, and the penstemon in particular is doing better along the ROW than in the surrounding area. Management actions along the ROW would generally favor these two species. Other sensitive species were not found along the ROW during surveys and have a low to moderate likelihood of undetected presence. Due to the narrow corridor treatment, small amount of disturbance, and life histories of possible species, the project is not likely to contribute to a trend towards federal listing or loss of viability to the populations.

Within all areas, and sensitive plant sites in particular, ground disturbance should be kept to a minimum. No chipping of material (other than mowing) or creation of slash piles and/or logging decks is permitted within these sites. No herbicide may be used within 35 feet of these sites without consultation and participation by a Forest Service botanist.

Survey and Manage

Although located partly within the area of the Northwest Forest Plan, the project is considered routine maintenance of an existing structure and is therefore considered non-disturbing and exempt from surveys for Survey and Manage species (ROD 2001, p. 22). *Elaphomyces anthracinus* (sequestrate fungus/deer truffle) is a known Category B species with 2 known sites adjacent but outside of the project area.

Invasive Species

See attached weed risk assessment. This project is a high-risk project for increasing, introducing, and spreading invasive species. The increased risk due to the project and ongoing line maintenance is a huge and expensive ecological threat. There are forty currently known IS sites within or adjacent to the project area (adjacent in this case is defined as up to 0.1 miles away). Known species are spotted knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe*), diffuse knapweed (*Centaurea diffusa*), Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*), Scotch broom (*Cytisus scoparius*), common St. Johnswort (*Hypericum perforatum*), perennial peavine (*Lathyrus latifolius*), Dalmatian toadflax (*Linaria dalmatica*), reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*), yellow flag iris (*Iris pseudacorus*), slender false brome (*Brachypodium sylvaticum*), bouncingbet (*Saponaria officinalis*) and common mullein (*Verbascum thapsus*). There is only

one currently known slender false brome site on the Deschutes National Forest, and it is within a quarter mile of the project area. This species is a high-risk species and it is critical that it not be spread elsewhere.

Mitigations are critical to reduce the risk of spreading known and introducing new invasive species. Mitigations are listed in detail in the PDCs and include cleaning vehicles and equipment prior to entry and prior to leaving known sites.

Project Design Criteria and Mitigations

TES site protection

- To protect TES sites, disturbance in all areas should be kept to a minimum, especially at known TES sites. Work with botanist when planning pole replacements or tree removal at these sites.
 No chipping, slash piling, or landings are permitted at known sensitive plant sites, and heavy machinery needs to be kept on road prism.
- During pole removal, return disturbed vegetation to its original condition to the extent possible—i.e. remove plants as needed to do work, then replace to original condition. This is especially important for Peck's penstemon sites at poles number 105348 since it is within protected Peck's penstemon population and only less than 0.2% mortality is permitted. There are also Peck's penstemons at 104560, 104704, 104707, 104714, 104715, 104716, and 104749, where a higher rate of mortality is permitted, but should still be avoided if possible.
- Work with botanist to finalize landing sites. Current sites were reviewed and approved, but if any changes need to be made, botanist would need to be consulted.

Invasive plant risk reduction

- Equipment Cleaning: Prior to entering National Forest System lands, all mud, dirt, and plant
 parts would be removed from any heavy equipment (including Bobcat mower) that would
 operate outside the limits of the road prism. Cleaning must occur in areas where removed weed
 seeds would not create additional problems. Equipment would be inspected by Forest Service
 personnel prior to equipment entering National Forest System lands.
- Equipment needs to be cleaned prior to entering the project area, and care should be taken to avoid transporting weed seeds within the project area. In particular, there are weed sites at poles 105336, 105346, 104651, and 104641. Equipment should be cleaned before moving from these sites. Additionally, the powerline stretches near Allingham Guard Station site and near the intersection of the line with Indian Ford Road are heavily weed infested, and if equipment needs to be moved through this area, it should be cleaned before moving to a new site.
- Imported material. All gravel, fill, sand stockpiles, quarry sites and borrow materials used for this
 project need to be inspected for invasive plants before such material is transported and used
 within National Forest System lands. Any infested sources must be treated before use of pit
 material. Only gravel, fill, sand, and rock that are certified weed-free or judged to be weed-free
 by District or Forest weed specialists would be used for this project (Requirement R6 Standard
 #7).
- Invasive species responsibility. CEC shall be responsible for the prevention of establishment, spread or introduction, as well as the control of invasive plants of concern on the area authorized by this clause and shall provide prevention and control measures prescribed by the

Forest Service. These prevention and control practices shall include those Standards and Guidelines included in local Forest Land Management Resource Plans, as amended by the FY 2005 Record of Decision for the Pacific Northwest Region (R6) Invasive Plant Program. Invasive plants of concern are defined as those species recognized by the county weed authority in which the authorized use is located or as listed in the 2005 Region 6 Invasive Plant Program FEIS (Appendix A) for National Forest System lands in Oregon and Washington. Treatments need to be done in conjunction with the Forest Service and are limited to hand treatments and approved herbicides with approved Pesticide-Use Proposal.

Monitoring

• Regular long-term monitoring of TES and IS sites is needed to ensure any detrimental impacts to sensitive plants or increases in invasive species are detected quickly and can be mitigated.

CEC Powerline Invasive Plant Weed Risk Assessment

Risk Ranking

Factors considered in determining the level of risk for the introduction or spread of invasive plants are:

X_HIGH

Has to be a combination of the following three factors:

- 1. Known weeds in/adjacent to project area. YES
- 2. Any of vectors # 1-8 in project area. YES
- 3. Project operation in/adjacent to weed population. YES

___MODERATE

1. Any of vectors # 1-5 present in project area.

LOW

- 1. Any of vectors # 6-8 in project area.
- 2. Known weeds in/adjacent to project area without vector presence.

Vectors ranked in order of weed introduction risk:

- 1. Heavy equipment (implied ground disturbance) YES
- 2. Importing soil/cinders/gravel POSSIBLE
- 3. OHV's POSSIBLE
- 4. Grazing (long-term disturbance) NO
- 5. Pack animals (short-term disturbance) NO
- 6. Plant restoration NO
- 7. Recreationists (hikers, mountain bikers, horses) YES
- 8. Forest Service project vehicles YES

Appendix A

Region 6 2010 Invasive Plants List

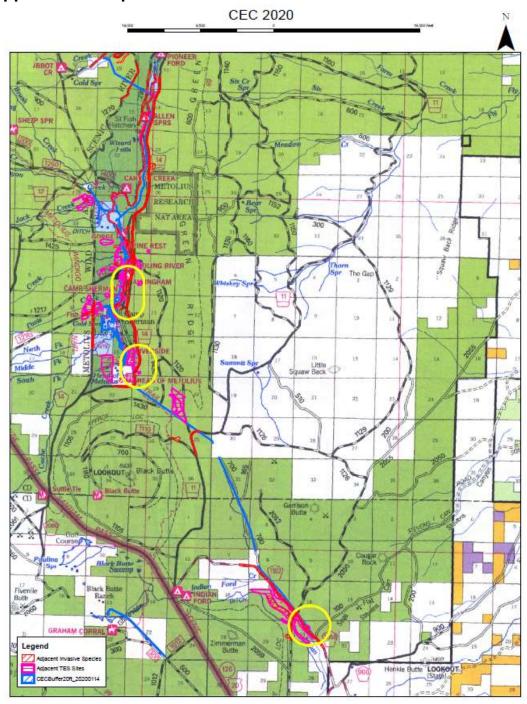
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SYMBOL	ACC SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	FAMILY	
ACNO7	Acaena novae-zelandiae	biddy-biddy	Rosaceae	
ACPL	Acer platanoides	Norway maple	Aceraceae	
ACRE3	Acroptilon repens	hardheads	Asteraceae	
AECY	Aegilops cylindrica	jointed goatgrass	Poaceae	
AEPO	Aegopodium podagraria	bishop's goutweed	Apiaceae	
AETR	Aegilops triuncialis	barbed goatgrass	Poaceae	
AIAL	Ailanthus altissima	tree of heaven	Simaroubaceae	
ALMU	Alyssum murale	yellowtuft	Brassicaceae	
ALMY	Alopecurus myosuroides	slender meadow foxtail	Poaceae	
ALPE4	Alliaria petiolata	garlic mustard	Brassicaceae	
AMAR4	Ammophila arenaria	European beachgrass	Poaceae	
ANAR16	Anchusa arvensis	small bugloss	Boraginaceae	
ANCO2	Anthemis cotula	stinking chamomile	Asteraceae	
ANOF	Anchusa officinalis	common bugloss	Boraginaceae	
ARAB3	Artemisia absinthium	absinthium	Asteraceae	
ARDO4	Arundo donax	giant reed	Poaceae	
ARMI2	Arctium minus	lesser burdock	Asteraceae	
BASC5	Bassia scoparia	burningbush	Chenopodiaceae	
BOOF	Borago officinalis	common borage	Boraginaceae	
BRDIR	Bromus diandrus ssp. rigidus	ripgut brome	Poaceae	
BRHO2	Bromus hordeaceus	soft brome	Poaceae	
BRMA16	Bromus matritensis	compact brome	Poaceae	
BRRA	Brassica rapa	field mustard	Brassicaceae	
BRSY	Brachypodium sylvaticum	slender false brome	Poaceae	
BRTE	Bromus tectorum	cheatgrass	Poaceae	
BUDA2	Buddleja davidii	orange eye butterflybush	Buddlejaceae	
CAAC	Carduus acanthoides	spiny plumeless thistle	Asteraceae	
CADR	Cardaria draba	whitetop	Brassicaceae	
CANU4	Carduus nutans	nodding plumeless thistle	Asteraceae	
CAPU6	Cardaria pubescens	hairy whitetop	Brassicaceae	
CAPY2	Carduus pycnocephalus	Italian plumeless thistle	Asteraceae	
CASES	Calystegia sepium ssp. sepium	hedge false bindweed	Convolvulaceae	
CATE2	Carduus tenuiflorus	winged plumeless thistle	Asteraceae	
CECY2	Centaurea cyanus	garden cornflower	Asteraceae	
CEDE5	Centaurea debeauxii	meadow knapweed	Asteraceae	
CEDI3	Centaurea diffusa	diffuse knapweed	Asteraceae	
CEJA	Centaurea jacea	brownray knapweed	Asteraceae	
CEME2	Centaurea melitensis	Maltese star-thistle	Asteraceae	

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CEMO6	Centaurea moncktonii	meadow knapweed	Asteraceae
CENI3	Centaurea nigrescens	Tyrol knapweed	Asteraceae
CESO3	Centaurea solstitialis	yellow star-thistle	Asteraceae
CESTM	Centaurea stoebe ssp. micranthos	spotted knapweed	Asteraceae
CEVIS2	Centaurea virgata ssp. squarrosa	squarrose knapweed	Asteraceae
CHJU	Chondrilla juncea	rush skeletonweed	Asteraceae
CIAR4	Cirsium arvense	Canada thistle	Asteraceae
CIIN	Cichorium intybus	chicory	Asteraceae
CIOC2	Cirsium ochrocentrum	yellowspine thistle	Asteraceae
CIUN	Cirsium undulatum	wavyleaf thistle	Asteraceae
CIVU	Cirsium vulgare	bull thistle	Asteraceae
CLVI6	Clematis vitalba	evergreen clematis	Ranunculaceae
COAR4	Convolvulus arvensis	field bindweed	Convolvulaceae
COMA2	Conium maculatum	poison hemlock	Apiaceae
CORTA	Cortaderia	pampas grass	Poaceae
CRVU2	Crupina vulgaris	common crupina	Asteraceae
CYES	Cyperus esculentus	yellow nutsedge	Cyperaceae
CYOF	Cynoglossum officinale	gypsyflower	Boraginaceae
CYSC4	Cytisus scoparius	Scotch broom	Fabaceae
DACA6	Daucus carota	Queen Anne's lace	Apiaceae
DAGL	Dactylis glomerata	orchardgrass	Poaceae
DALA11	Daphne laureola	spurgelaurel	Thymelaeaceae
DIAR	Dianthus armeria	Deptford pink	Caryophyllaceae
DIFU2	Dipsacus fullonum	Fuller's teasel	Dipsacaceae
DILA4	Dipsacus laciniatus	cutleaf teasel	Dipsacaceae
DIPU	Digitalis purpurea	purple foxglove	Scrophulariaceae
ECVU	Echium vulgare	common viper's bugloss	Boraginaceae
EGDE	Egeria densa	Brazilian waterweed	Hydrocharitaceae
ELDE	Elaphoglossum decoratum	showy tonguefern	Dryopteridaceae
ELRE4	Elymus repens	quackgrass	Poaceae
EUES	Euphorbia esula	leafy spurge	Euphorbiaceae
EUNE3	Euphrasia nemorosa	common eyebright	Scrophulariaceae
EUST7	Euphrasia stricta	drug eyebright	Scrophulariaceae
FOVU	Foeniculum vulgare	sweet fennel	Apiaceae
GECO	Geranium columbinum	longstalk cranesbill	Geraniaceae
GEMO2	Genista monspessulana	French broom	Fabaceae
GERO	Geranium robertianum	Robert geranium	Geraniaceae
GYPA	Gypsophila paniculata	baby's breath	Caryophyllaceae
HEHE	Hedera helix	English ivy	Araliaceae
HEHI12	Hedera hibernica	Atlantic Ivy	Araliaceae
HEMA17	Heracleum mantegazzianum	giant hogweed	Apiaceae
HIAU	Hieracium aurantiacum	orange hawkweed	Asteraceae

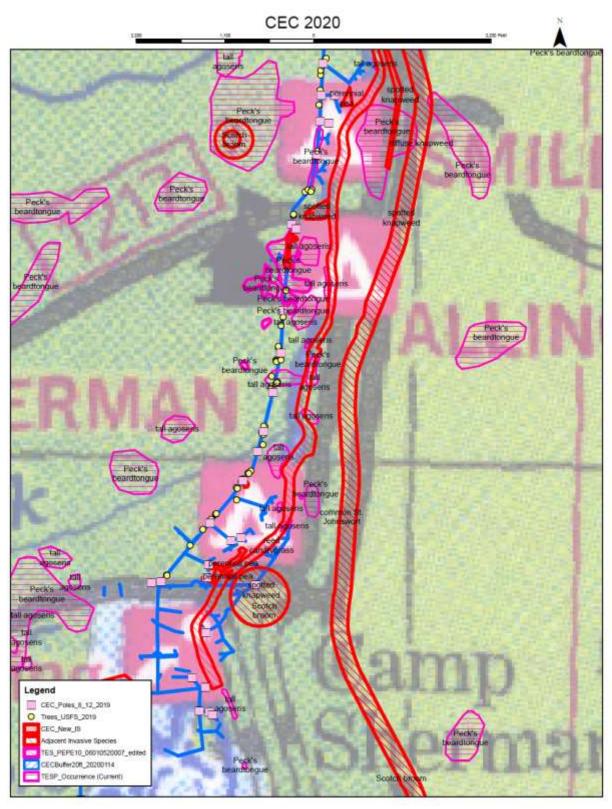
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HICA10	Hieracium caespitosum	meadow hawkweed	Asteraceae
HILA4	Hieracium laevigatum	smooth hawkweed	Asteraceae
HILA8	Hieracium lachenalii	common hawkweed	Asteraceae
HIPI	Hieracium pilosella	mouseear hawkweed	Asteraceae
HISA4	Hieracium sabaudum	New England hawkweed	Asteraceae
HYNI	Hyoscyamus niger	black henbane	Solanaceae
HYPE	Hypericum perforatum	common St. Johnswort	Clusiaceae
HYRA3	Hypochaeris radicata	hairy catsear	Asteraceae
HYVE3	Hydrilla verticillata	waterthyme	Hydrocharitaceae
ILAQ80	llex aquifolium	English holly	Aquifoliaceae
IRPS	Iris pseudacorus	paleyellow iris	Iridaceae
ISTI	Isatis tinctoria	Dyer's woad	Brassicaceae
LAGA2	Lamiastrum galeobdolon	yellow archangel	Lamiaceae
LALA4	Lathyrus latifolius	perennial pea	Fabaceae
LASE	Lactuca serriola	prickly lettuce	Asteraceae
LASY	Lathyrus sylvestris	flat pea	Fabaceae
LELA2	Lepidium latifolium	broadleaved pepperweed	Brassicaceae
LEVU	Leucanthemum vulgare	oxeye daisy	Asteraceae
LIDA	Linaria dalmatica	Dalmatian toadflax	Scrophulariaceae
LIVU	Ligustrum vulgare	European privet	Oleaceae
LIVU2	Linaria vulgaris	butter and eggs	Scrophulariaceae
LOCO6	Lotus corniculatus	bird's-foot trefoil	Fabaceae
LOET	Lonicera etrusca	Etruscan honeysuckle	Caprifoliaceae
LOPE80	Lotus pedunculatus	big trefoil	Fabaceae
LYSA2	Lythrum salicaria	purple loosestrife	Lythraceae
LYVU	Lysimachia vulgaris	garden yellow loosestrife	Primulaceae
MAVU	Marrubium vulgare	horehound	Lamiaceae
MEOF	Melilotus officinalis	yellow sweetclover	Fabaceae
MYAQ2	Myriophyllum aquaticum	parrot feather watermilfoil	Haloragaceae
MYMU	Mycelis muralis	wall-lettuce	Asteraceae
MYSP2	Myriophyllum spicatum	Eurasian watermilfoil	Haloragaceae
ONAC	Onopordum acanthium	Scotch cottonthistle	Asteraceae
PHAR3	Phalaris arundinacea	reed canarygrass	Poaceae
PLLA	Plantago lanceolata	narrowleaf plantain	Plantaginaceae
POAR11	Polygonum arenastrum	oval-leaf knotweed	Polygonaceae
POBO10	Polygonum bohemicum	Bohemian knotweed	Polygonaceae
POCU6	Polygonum cuspidatum	Japanese knotweed	Polygonaceae
POPO5	Polygonum polystachyum	cultivated knotweed	Polygonaceae
PORE5	Potentilla recta	sulphur cinquefoil	Rosaceae
POSA4	Polygonum sachalinense	giant knotweed	Polygonaceae
PRLA5	Prunus laurocerasus	cherry laurel	Rosaceae
RARE3	Ranunculus repens	creeping buttercup	Ranunculaceae

ACC SYMBOL	ACC SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	FAMILY
ROPS	Robinia pseudoacacia	black locust	Fabaceae
RUAR9	Rubus armeniacus	Himalayan blackberry	Rosaceae
RULA	Rubus laciniatus	cutleaf blackberry	Rosaceae
SAAE	Salvia aethiopis	Mediterranean sage	Lamiaceae
SAKA	Salsola kali	Russian thistle	Chenopodiaceae
SAOF4	Saponaria officinalis	bouncingbet	Caryophyllaceae
SAPA31	Sasa palmata	broadleaf bamboo	Poaceae
SASC2	Salvia sclarea	Europe sage	Lamiaceae
SATR12	Salsola tragus	prickly Russian thistle	Chenopodiaceae
SCMU10	Schoenoplectus mucronatus	bog bulrush	Cyperaceae
SECE	Secale cereale	cereal rye	Poaceae
SEJA	Senecio jacobaea	stinking willie	Asteraceae
SESY	Senecio sylvaticus	woodland ragwort	Asteraceae
SIOF	Sisymbrium officinale	hedgemustard	Brassicaceae
SOAR2	Sonchus arvensis	field sowthistle	Asteraceae
SOAS	Sonchus asper	spiny sowthistle	Asteraceae
SODU	Solanum dulcamara	climbing nightshade	Solanaceae
SOEL	Solanum elaeagnifolium	silverleaf nightshade	Solanaceae
SOSE2	Soliva sessilis	field burrweed	Asteraceae
SPJU2	Spartium junceum	Spanish broom	Fabaceae
SYOF	Symphytum officinale	common comfrey	Boraginaceae
TACA8	Taeniatherum caput-medusae	medusahead	Poaceae
TAPA6	Tanacetum parthenium	feverfew	Asteraceae
TARA	Tamarix ramosissima	saltcedar	Tamaricaceae
TAVU	Tanacetum vulgare	common tansy	Asteraceae
TRMA17	Tripleurospermum maritima	false mayweed	Asteraceae
TRMAM	Tripleurospermum maritima ssp.	false mayweed	Asteraceae
TRPE21	Tripleurospermum perforata	scentless false mayweed	Asteraceae
TRTE	Tribulus terrestris	puncturevine	Zygophyllaceae
ULEU	Ulex europaeus	common gorse	Fabaceae
URDI	Urtica dioica	stinging nettle	Urticaceae
VEDU	Ventenata dubia	North Africa grass	Poaceae
VETH	Verbascum thapsus	common mullein	Scrophulariaceae
VIMA	Vinca major	bigleaf periwinkle	Apocynaceae
VIMI2	Vinca minor	common periwinkle	Apocynaceae
VUMY	Vulpia myuros	rat-tail fescue	Poaceae

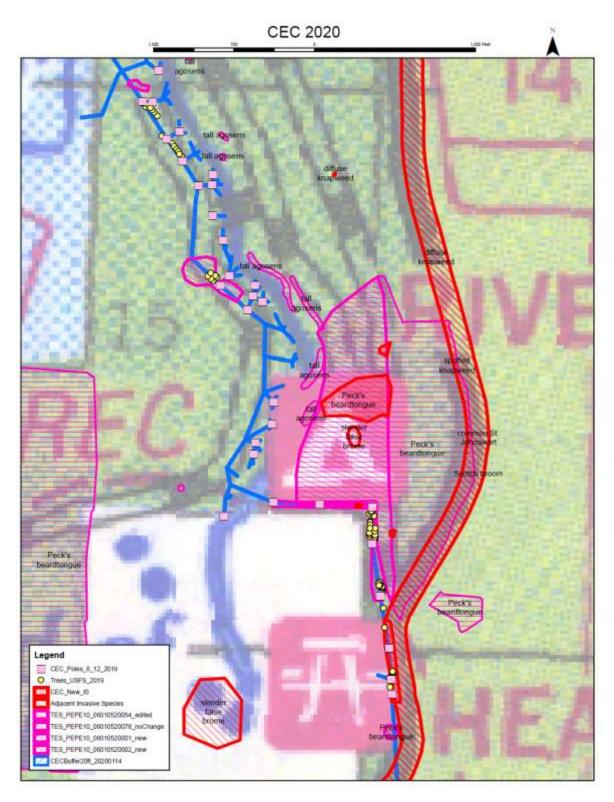
Appendix B. Maps



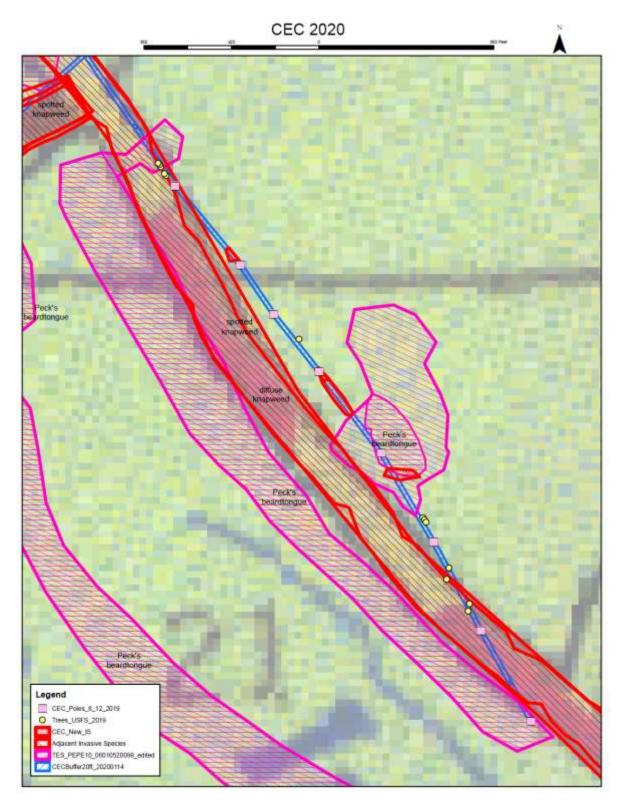
Map 1. Known sensitive plant (pink) and invasive species (red) sites along the CEC powerline. The three top priority areas to limit disturbance are highlighted in yellow. These three sites have both priority sensitive plants sites and invasive species problems.



Map 1. Known sensitive plant (pink) and invasive species (red) sites along the CEC powerline. This is a closer view of Area of Complexity 1, Camp Sherman to Tract O.



Map 3. Known sensitive plant (pink) and invasive species (red) sites along the CEC powerline. This is a closer view of Area of Complexity 2, Tract C to Head of Metolius. The line is adjacent to the Riverside CG protected Peck's penstemon population and intersects three managed Peck's penstemon populations.



Map 4. Known sensitive plant (pink) and invasive species (red) sites along the CEC powerline. This is a closer view of Area of Complexity 3, Indian Ford. There are multiple knapweed and mullein sites along the powerline, and the line intersects a protected Peck's penstemon population (06010500098)

Appendix C

Equipment Cleaning Clause

C6.343 (OPTION 2) - CLEANING OF EQUIPMENT. (7/96). To prevent the introduction of the seeds of noxious weeds onto National Forest land, Purchaser shall ensure all equipment moved onto National Forest land is free of soil, seeds, vegetative matter, or other debris that could contain or hold seeds. Purchaser shall employ whatever cleaning methods necessary to ensure compliance with the terms of this provision, and shall notify Forest Service prior to moving each piece of equipment onto National Forest land. Notification will include identifying the location of the equipment's most recent operations. Upon request of Forest Service, arrangements will be made for Forest Service to inspect each piece of equipment prior to it being placed into service.

Purchaser shall certify in writing, compliance with the terms of this provision prior to each startup of sale operations. Measures taken to ensure compliance for equipment present at start-up, and planned to be taken for equipment moved in later, will be identified in the certification. For the purposes of this provision, "equipment" includes all logging machinery, except for log trucks, chip vans, pickup trucks, cars, or other vehicles used to daily transport personnel.

INSTRUCTIONS: This provision may be used when the EA and Decision Document address the issue of noxious weed control. Forest Service and other vehicles will be given the same scrutiny and will be properly cleaned prior to entry into areas that are subject to this provision.